

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the arguments set forth fully below. In the Office Action mailed July 7, 2006, claims 1, 3 and 8-10 have been rejected, claims 2, 4-7 and 11-13 have been objected to, and claims 14-28 have been allowed. In response, the Applicants have submitted the following remarks, amended claim 1, and cancelled claim 5. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6-28 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amended claims and the remarks below.

Specification Objections

Within the Office Action, the Applicants were reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure. Specifically, within the Office Action it is stated that the Applicants should refrain from using the language “the invention” in line 2 of the abstract. By the above amendment, the Applicants have removed such language. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the specification be removed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 3 and 8-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the article “Observation of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders in Patients with Coronary Artery Disease by Ambulatory Electrocardiogram Respiration Monitoring system” by Tateishi et al. (hereinafter Tateishi). Further within the Office Action, it is stated that claims 2, 4-7, and 11-13 have objected to has being dependent upon an rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By the above amendment, the Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 5. For at least these reasons, the independent claim 1 is allowable over the teachings of Tateishi.

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Claims 3 and 8-10 are dependent upon the independent claim 1. As discussed above, the independent claim 1 is allowable over the teachings of Tateishi. Accordingly, claims 3 and 8-10 are also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim.

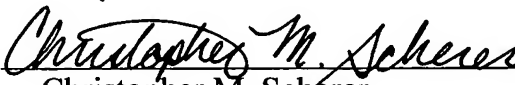
Allowable Subject Matter

Within the Office Action it is stated that claims 2, 4-7 and 11-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 4, 6-7 and 11-13 are dependent upon the independent claim 1. As discussed above, the independent claim 1 is allowable over the teachings of Tateishi. Accordingly, claims 2, 4, 6-7 and 11-13 are also allowable as being dependent upon an allowable base claim. Claim 5 has been cancelled. Claims 14-28 have been allowed.

For these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at 414-271-7590 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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